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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 31, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of October 31, 2003, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.